

Speech of Hon'ble Governor on the occasion of 6th Convocation of National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur on 20th March, 2016 at N.I.T., Jamshedpur

Prof. Ram Babu Kodali, Chairman, Board of Governors, Director, N.IT. Jamshedpur, distinguished members of the Board of Governors, members of the Senate, members of the Faculty, degree recipients, Parents, Representatives of Media, ladies and gentlemen:

It gives me immense pleasure to be here among you on the occasion of 6th convocation of National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur. This is very special day of degree recipients, parents, teachers and the Institution. At first, I would like to congratulate all degree recipients today. Your hard work, curiosity and social and other skills that you learnt here, should have prepared you well for the life ahead. I wish you all success in meeting all your worthy goals of the future. I would also like to congratulate the Parents, the Teachers, the Mentors and all those who, in their own way, have contributed in leading you on towards this auspicious day.

Yet just as it is my joy to congratulate, it is also my duty to sound the warning bell. Whenever a goalpost is reached, there is always a sense of achievement and relief that any hurdles on the journey have been overcome. Please understand, dear students, this relief is only momentary. This is not the destination - only the beginning of a great journey. There are stumbling blocks at every turn. We have absolute trust in you. The question of doubt does not arise. We believe that you will overcome every obstacle, survive every challenge, and perform every task entrusted to you to the best of your knowledge and ability. We have prepared you for the road ahead, but we cannot clear the road for you. We have ensured that you are physically, mentally, and morally equipped for the rigours of the road, but we cannot guarantee smooth passage.

As you bid goodbye to the portals of this institute, you will be shouldering your responsibilities as mature citizens and committed professionals in your respective work environments, be it business, industry or academics. With the right qualities of head and heart - there is no way in which you can go wrong. Consider that work is what gives definition and meaning and direction to life. When work becomes worship, you have secured not only your own future, but also the future of your nation. Your nation requires your services. Bring to your work passion and sincerity, and you reserve space for your nation among the developed nations of the world. Look forward to such a nation - a nation that promises peace and prosperity to all its citizens - a nation that boasts of social cohesion, economic prosperity and political stability. Perhaps you will have the good fortune to witness the rising of that new and shining India.

You can look forward to an India on a high-growth trajectory. As young engineers and scientists, you have a significant role to play in achieving our National Development Goals. You will have the advantage of innumerable opportunities to literally engineer the future of the nation, and elbow your way into the league of developed nations. Scientific and technological innovation can pave the way to effective, affordable and sustainable solutions to the problems of India as a developing nation. We need appropriate technologies to address the real problems of drought, drinking water, hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy. With the largest student population in the world today, the entire world eyes India as a hub of technical manpower. They exploit our students as a valuable resource at low cost to guarantee future super profits. Today, the Indian student powerhouse must resolve to use their potential to transform our country from a developing nation to a developed nation.

India is the fastest growing economy in the world according to all rating agencies. Whenever it has been about knowledge, India has always shown the way to the entire world. The requirement for human resource is going to increase and if a nation can cater to this demand it is India. Why should India only remain a market? This is not acceptable. This is the reason why “Make in India” has been launched. I have come to you with a challenge - why not manufacture electronic goods in India. We have the talent, ideas and determination

Today as I look at you, I am proud. You are the products of National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur. I hope you truly value what you have got from here. With the premium on core values, academic excellence, and good governance, you have a legacy to uphold. You are the trustees of that legacy. You have a stamp on you which says “NIT-Jamshedpur” This means you have something which everyone does not have. You are truly privileged.

Dear students, Today is your day. You have earned this day through hard work, determination and patience. Let us all participate wholeheartedly in this joyous festival of academic achievement. I truly believe that betterment comes from bench-marking with people, organizations and nations that are better than us. As you navigate life hereafter, I hope you will value and be grateful for all the efforts that others put in to get you to where *you* stand today.

In the future, there may be moments of distress and despondence when you will remember your convocation to enthuse and energize yourself to renewed vigor and dynamism. May you always be positively reinforced to perform and produce results. I do hope that as you rise, you will contribute substantially to your roots, the society around, the institutions that brought you up, and the nation at large.

Once again, my best wishes to you all.

Thank you.

Jai Hind!

Jai Jharkhand!